

Arms Conference Is Mentioned in Oil Lease Trial

Witness Testifies Orders for Secrecy in Naval Matters Were Issued at Time of Big Session.

Los Angeles, Oct. 30.—Secrecy maintained relative to the first government contract entered into with the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company, involving the construction of fuel oil storage space at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the leasing of land in naval oil reserve No. 1, of California, was linked indirectly today with the limitation of arms defense held in Washington.

The defense, opening upon its testimony at the trial, informed the court of the government's suit for cancellation of contracts and leases with the Pan-American, brought out through the testimony of Dr. H. Foster Bain, director of the bureau of mines, that the order of secrecy had been issued by Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, coincident with the holding of the arms conference.

That he should treat all matters concerning the Pearl harbor project in a confidential manner was first called to his attention through a letter, dated December 9, 1921, sent from Roosevelt to Edward C. Finney, first assistant secretary of the interior, Dr. Bain testified.

The communication, the witness stated, ordered that since the fuel storage project was a war defense

Hallowe'en Dinner Guests to Feast on "Cold Pack" Prairie Chickens

Prairie chickens from the sandhills of Nebraska, shot several weeks ago, will be served at a dinner Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Stack of 4814 California street.

Mrs. Stack is an expert in using the "cold pack" method of preserving the chickens, and although those to be served Thursday night were shot this season, chickens shot last season an even two years ago are frequently served at the Stack home.

"I prepare the chickens and fry them brown just as though I were going to serve them immediately," explained Mrs. Stack. "I then place them in glass jars and submerge the jars in water, boiling them for two hours, I then seal the cans, and the meat, packed tightly, keeps perfectly until we are ready to serve it."

plan all matters relative to it should be marked "confidential."

"This was about the time the limitation of arms conference was in session in Washington," the witness was asked by Frank J. Hogan, chief defense counsel.

"And later at this conference the four-power pact was reached?"

"Yes."

"And it was while this conference was in session that you first were apprised of the navy's wishes regarding the Pearl harbor project?"

"Yes, that is true."

Dr. Bain previously had testified that, at the request of former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, he worked with the Navy department in the formulation of plans and the solicitation of bids for the Pearl harbor project, which included the exchange of crude oil for fuel in storage.

Widow Ends Her Life When Jilted by Her Sweetheart

Ravenna, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Emma Duta, widow, 30, committed suicide by drinking a quantity of carbolic acid. Shortly after the mail carrier

The Stacks use the same method of preserving fish which they catch each summer at Isle Royal, Rev. Edwin H. Jenks, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, is greatly interested in this method of preserving game meat, and declares that Mrs. Stack is so proficient in canning it that regular meat canning factories are put to shame by her efforts.

Guests at the cold pack dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Plurn, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Guy McKenzie. They are members of a bridge club which holds monthly dinners. The party will be in the nature of a Hallowe'en celebration.

delivered a letter at her house she went to the next door neighbor, Mrs. Albert Mrkivicka, and handed her the letter and an empty bottle. Mrs. Duba died shortly after a physician arrived. The letter was from a sweetheart, and stated that he no longer cared for her.

Western Nebraska Farms Selling at \$70 an Acre

Bridgeport, Oct. 30.—More than 3,000 acres of land in 23 pieces have been sold by one real estate firm at Sidney in the past three months, in every transaction the purchasers having paid for the land in cash, at an average of \$70 an acre. Other firms report more movement in farm lands in the valley during the past three months than in the entire previous year, and most of the sales are being made for cash.

Garage and Car Burned.

Louisville, Oct. 30.—Thomas Schmaeder's garage was burned to the ground Wednesday morning. A new Oakland touring car was destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$2000 with \$1000 insurance.

Val Peter Hits at Opponents in Senate Inquiry

Declares Steuben Society Endorsement of La Follette Insult to Persons of German Descent.

(Continued From Page One.) from the republican committee and that \$2,500 more is due.

"Who furnished the material for these publications?" asked Senator Borah.

"Most of it I furnished; the republican national committee furnished some."

Intermyer brought out that a paper called "The Mid West," which is printed at Peter's Omaha shop was a La Follette supporter until Peter visited Roy West, secretary of the republican national committee, early in August. Then it became a supporter of Coolidge.

"Mr. Lochray (publisher of 'The Mid West') was indebted to you?" asked Undermyer.

"Yes."

Owed Peter \$1,500.

"He owed you \$1,500 and was about to quit publication?"

"He owed me \$1,500 but he didn't say he was about to quit publishing."

Peter told of seeing Lochray in Chicago in an effort, he said to collect his money. It was after that conference that the Mid-West began to support Coolidge.

"Did you get your money?" asked Undermyer.

"No."

"Have you got it yet?"

"No."

"You are still printing his paper?"

"Yes."

"Did you say anything to him about the paper's flopping to Coolidge?"

"I did not. I could not control the policy of his paper."

Peter said Lochray had paid him some money for printing the paper since that time.

Undermyer took the inquiry back to the "flop" of the Mid-West from La Follette to Coolidge.

Peter accused Undermyer of trying to harass him when he had answered the same questions. Senator Borah broke in:

"Did you suggest that Mr. Lochray change the policy of his paper?"

"I don't remember."

Kirkland then took a hand.

"Did you induce Mr. Lochray to switch his support from La Follette to Coolidge?"

"No, sir."

J. A. Lochray, publisher of the Mid-west, a weekly newspaper, testified that he had no arrangement with the republican national committee regarding his paper.

"What's the politics of your paper?" asked Chairman Borah.

"It is supporting Coolidge for re-election."

Lochray testified that he had received \$1,000 from Republican National Committee McClellan from Nebraska for circulating additional copies among laboring men in Nebraska.

He said his paper had supported La Follette up to October 3, when it switched to Coolidge. He said this had not been the result of any arrangement with the republican national committee.

Lochray Denies "Switch" Forced.

Undermyer developed that Lochray while in Chicago, before October 3 last, had telegraphed his wife at Omaha that he was going to suspend publication and move the paper to Chicago. It was sometime after that that he received the \$1,000 from McClellan.

"Who did you see to talk to before this switch on October 3?" Undermyer asked.

"Nobody."

Lochray denied that he had supported the communist party in America.

He said he had supported "industrial unionism" which he found was a "stepping stone" to the communist party.

"Didn't the central labor union of Omaha withdraw its support of your paper on that account?"

Denies Peter Influenced Him.

"No, there were various reasons, some personal."

It was brought out that the republican national committee put up the \$1,000 paid to Lochray by McClellan. The check was payable to the national committee man. The publisher said he had asked McClellan to get the national committee to put up money for circulating some of his papers.

Replying to Kirkland, the witness said Peter had not influenced him in changing his support from La Follette to Coolidge.

"This \$1,000 payment was for publicity; that's about the size of it?" asked Kirkland.

"You had your reasons for switching to Coolidge as stated in your paper?"

"Yes."

"The editorial was in the issue of October 3 and Lochray said that until that time he had not talked to anyone about getting money from the republican national committee, nor did he have that in mind when he wrote it."

BUSINESS HELD UP BY ELECTION

(Continued From Page One.) not be nearly so bad. The republican party has an ostensible majority in both branches of congress, but because of La Follette's disaffection, blocs and personal ambitions, it falls of a working majority on party lines.

Hence the doubt and uncertainty that would follow the throwing of the election of a president into the house of representatives.

It would give rise to suspicions, to charges of corruption, to rumors and doubts that could not be otherwise than harmful to business and subversive of good government.

History reveals that years of national elections have usually been years of business doubt and uncertainty. This year has been a welcome exception to the rule. Business has been steadily growing, particularly in the middle west. That it would have been better with the element of political doubt removed, no one will have the hardihood to deny. The likelihood of the house of representatives being unable to elect, in case of a tie in the electoral vote, with further likelihood that the vice president elected by the senate would become president, has already slowed up business.

Railroads Hesitate.

That business plans of immense importance to the country at large are being held in abeyance until certainty takes the place of uncertainty, is too evident to need corroborative testimony. Men are not given to taking big financial risks in the face of doubt.

Railroad managers are usually busy at this time of the year, planning for the year ahead. Faced by doubt and uncertainty they naturally hesitate making plans for anything more than things actually needed. Capital expenditures for extensions and improvements are laid aside for later consideration, after all doubts and uncertainties are removed.

What is true of the great public service corporations is equally true of the great manufacturing industries. They are not inclined to increase their forces, add to their reserve stocks and plan for bigger business in the face of the probability of stagnation because of uncertainty and the danger of long months of acrimonious debate while the country waits to ascertain who shall be the chief executive of the nation.

Man Hurt by Plow.

Ponca, Neb., Oct. 29.—While operating a gang plow, Earl Carter had his left foot badly injured when it slipped from the foot rest and the bone, just above the big toe, was fractured.

See Want Ads produce results.

Good Roads Plan Crystallizes at Conference Here

Omaha Pledges \$10,000 for Campaign of Education; Six-Year Program Approved.

(Continued From Page One.) better public thoroughfares, and he told in detail the methods employed by the Iowa Good Roads association, of which he is president.

"We have truth and righteousness on our side although we are now in the minority," he declared, "and we expect to win despite the odds against us."

350 At Luncheon.

Judge Lynch's address was at a luncheon at which more than 350 Omaha and Nebraska business men, bankers, farmers, legislators and civic organization representatives attended. John T. Kennedy, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided. The conference followed the luncheon. Blakeman urged that the highways be taken out of politics and administered by a commission serving without pay. That is part of the program of the association. T. C. Byrne, of the Greater Omaha committee, endorsed the plan heartily, and declared that he would supervise the raising of the \$10,000. Arthur Bowring, of Merriman, Neb., told of the difficulties in the northwestern "sandhill" section of the state. Fred L. Nesbitt of Omaha, vice president of the association, declared that good roads would eliminate the greatest competitor of the small town merchant—the mail order house. W. C. Lusk of Yankton, S. D., said that South Dakota was fully as interested as Nebraska in Nebraska's good roads program.

Following were some of the out-of-town men who attended the luncheon and conference:

Frank J. Beals, Fremont; J. Baumann, West Point; Arthur Bowring, Merriman; F. E. Baldwin, Alton; M. A. Bingham, Oakland; Edwin Bell, Papillion; F. L. Boyer, West Point; F. M. Cowden, Oakland; Paul Carlson, Fremont; R. L. Cochran, Lincoln; J. E. Camish, Tekamah;

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The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Morning of Des Moines, who was a friend of the Sprague family when he was a pastor at Papillion years ago.

Mrs. Sprague is survived by her husband and two children, a son, Rembert of Sterling, Colo., and a daughter, Mrs. Nora Dugan of Stoneham, Colo.

Custer County Civil War Vet Celebrates 86th Birthday

Callaway, Oct. 29.—On Monday last Thornton S. Crossley, a resident of Custer county since 1883, celebrated his 86th birthday. Mr. Crossley is one of the few remaining veterans of the civil war, serving in the 21st Iowa infantry. His first home in Custer county was a homestead in Elk Creek township, a part of which is still in possession of the Crossley family.

Two Masked Bandits Hold Up Sciota (Ill.) Bank

Quincy, Ill., Oct. 20.—Two masked bandits held up the state bank at Sciota, Ill., 12 miles northwest of Macomb, Ill., at 2 this afternoon and escaped with an amount of registered bonds, the value of which has not been determined.

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